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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing of SSCI Staffers on Soviet Analysis on  
Domestic Policy [redacted]

1. On 3 July 1986 Messrs. Bruce Berkowitz and Michael Mattingly, Senate Select Committee on Intelligence staffers, were briefed by [redacted] Chief, SOVA/NIG/Domestic Policy Division. Also attending the 0930 meeting in 7D32 was [redacted] of OCA/Senate Affairs. [redacted]

2. Mr. Berkowitz gave the background for his request, commenting that (1) the SSCI may have a hearing on what the Intelligence Community is doing regarding long-range Soviet forecasting and (2) the information is very useful to the Members during budget mark-up. (U)

3. [redacted] talked about the DI/SOVA/NIG Domestic Policy Division reorganization and provided the staffers with an unclassified line diagram of SOVA. The priority for domestic, political and economic analysis has substantially increased. [redacted] said that there is more emphasis on Soviet societal problems (a DCI priority) and how the regime must/does respond. [redacted] noted that about [redacted] analysts have been devoted to domestic, political and economic analysis with [redacted] (eventually [redacted] working on societal, [redacted] on leadership politics and [redacted] (eventually [redacted] on political/economic policy. [redacted]

4. In response to Mr. Mattingly, [redacted] said that the analysts are coming from other SOVA units, recruitment, and other Agency elements, such as Office of Global Issues, Office of Leadership Analysis and Foreign Broadcast Information Service. [redacted] commented on the good mix of newness and continuity and noted the difficulty of keeping individuals on the same issues year after year. [redacted]

5. Mr. Mattingly asked about the counterparts throughout the Intelligence Community. [redacted] said there is a small unit in State/INR; a DIA unit with a largely economic focus; an FBIS unit doing open source study and NSA, which

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25X1 focuses mainly on military and I&W. [ ] commented  
that NSA collection is not relevant to CIA needs in this area.  
He stated that he would like to run an experiment which would  
25X1 focus on [ ] There was  
discussion on current NSA/CIA bureaucratic problems. [ ]

25X1 6. In response to Mr. Mattingly regarding DO collection,  
[ ] said that recently there has been good intelli-  
gence [ ]  
US/Soviet relations. He noted that DO/DI relationships have  
improved generally in all areas except for the relationship  
between SOVA and SE Division. He commented on the DDCI's  
earlier frustration with DI/DO relations. Replying to Mr.  
25X1 Mattingly, [ ] said that SOVA had an officer on  
25X1 rotation to [ ] but noted the lack of emigres. [ ]

25X1 7. [ ] said that there is an attempt to get a  
better handle on open source information. He explained that  
the DI is interested in being a testbed for a computer for  
25X1 reading and sorting. [ ] commented on academic  
25X1 community programs and CIA-sponsored conferences. [ ]

25X1 8. Mr. Mattingly commented that he was impressed with  
the office organization. It is a common sense approach to  
addressing the problems, which are also important to the SSCI.  
[ ]

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